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NEW YORK—Charges have been brought against 18 prison guards in connection with the alleged beating of city prisoners last fall after an abortive jail revolt.

The charges were ordered on the basis of a report by City Corporation Counsel J. Lee Rankin following five months of investigation of the flareup and the beatings suffered by some of the inmates at the Long Island City House of Detention in Queens on Oct. 5.

Correction Commissioner George F. McGrath, who filed the report on the basis of the Rankin findings, emphasized his action in "no way indicates any prejudgment on my part."

The report charged that the 18 correction officers either used "excessive force" against the inmates or "failed to restrain subordinates from using excessive force."